

Comments to the FCC regarding Localism submitted by James L. Chapman, IV

I understand that the FCC is evaluating whether to expand Low Power FM service and I am concerned that such expansion could adversely affect current FM translator services.

I am a regular listener to a national broadcast service known as K-LOVE, which is heard in my local area (Virginia Beach, Virginia) on FM 90.7.

My family and I listen to K-LOVE because it provides enjoyable programming which is simply not available from any other station serving this area. While there are a few local Christian broadcast stations (both AM and FM), none has the level of professional programming or depth of content provided by K-LOVE. This also applies to the news focus pursued by K-LOVE, which provides the national perspective I want from a Christian broadcasting station.

The K-LOVE service is truly in the local public interest for two reasons. First, the programming is very “family friendly.” I never have to worry about hearing the type of raunchy content that has become the order of the day on local rock, talk and even country music stations. K-LOVE’s programming is always positive and uplifting.

Second, K-LOVE helps promote a common bond between members of the local Christian community. Not only does the programming provide a referent in conversation with Christian friends, it also keeps the community informed with local service announcements for various Christian events taking place in the Hampton Roads/Cape Charles area of Virginia. Without this programming, the local Christian community would be far less informed about Christian music, culture and issues of national significance.

Because I believe that loss of K-LOVE due to potential LPFM displacement would be detrimental to my local community, I ask that the FCC not expand LPFM service in any way that would adversely affect K-LOVE.